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USSR: SHOWS THE LARGE AIRCRAFT-LIKE VEHICLE AT KASPIYSK ON THE CASPIAN SEA HAS RETURNED TO ITS BERTH, PROBABLY AFTER SEA TESTS, AND IS UNDERGOING FURTHER MODIFICATION.

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THE VEHICLE WAS ABSENT FROM ITS BERTH [REDACTED] SINCE ITS RETURN, AT LEAST ONE MORE ENGINE HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE ORIGINAL ENGINE GROUPS. THE VEHICLE PROBABLY WAS TESTED IN 1967 AND HAD BEEN UNDERGOING OVERHAUL AND MODIFICATION SINCE [REDACTED]

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THE PRECISE FUNCTION OF THE VEHICLE IS UNKNOWN. THE SOVIETS HAVE RECENTLY PUBLISHED ON TESTS OF A UNIQUE WING THAT APPEARS SIMILAR TO THE WING OF THE CRAFT. THE WING WAS TESTED IN A SHIP MODEL BASIN IN A SURFACE EFFECT OVER WATER MODE. PUBLICATION OF THIS TEST APPEARS TO STRENGTHEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE CRAFT IS A DEVELOPMENTAL SURFACE EFFECTS SHIP WHICH WILL TRAVEL AT HIGH SPEED JUST ABOVE THE WATER'S SURFACE. [REDACTED] {PHOTO/DRAWING/ MAP}

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Length: Approximately 300 feet

Height of Tail: Approximately 70 feet

Number of Engines: 10

Weight: Unresolved

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